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COASTAL SHIPPING BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND INDIA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start coastal shipping between the ports of Bangladesh and Eastern parts of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the agreements entered into and standard operating procedures established in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. A basic understanding on commencement of Coastal Shipping has been arrived at between India and Bangladesh. It has been agreed by the both the countries to conform to certain minimum vessel classification standards and also third party insurance cover with appropriate liability limit for the coastal vessels. The Indian coastal vessels already conform to necessary standards and insurance liability coverage. However, the Bangladesh side has mentioned that they would take some time to have these norms and insurance policy in place. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the coastal voyages between India and Bangladesh would be finalized by both the side through exchange of draft SOP.